

9 October 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Supplementary to my letter to J. Edgar Hoover of 7 October 1954, in reply to his letter of 4 October 1954, I today advised Mr. Sam Papich, for the information of the Bureau, of a telephone call that I had had from Mac Bundy on the preceding day.

I reported that Mr. Bundy had telephoned to state that the Department of State had requested the return of all documents held by the Disarmament Panel. Mr. Bundy added that the documents originating with the State Department had been returned immediately and the question had been raised as to the disposition of the working papers of the members of the group. Bundy asked my advice as to whether they should be returned. I told him that as far as I was concerned, I would be very glad to have them all returned to the State Department. Bundy indicated that that seemed to be the general concensus of opinion on the subject.

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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7 October 1954

J. Edgar Hoover, Esquire
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have your confidential letter of October 4, 1954, containing

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My name was apparently mentioned in connection with the matter and you asked whether I can throw any light on the report in question.

In April of 1952 I was designated by the then Secretary of State as a member of a Panel of Consultants on Disarmament, the other members of the Panel being, Dr. Vannevar Bush, Mr. John Dickey, President of Dartmouth College, Mr. Joseph Johnson, President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer. This Panel submitted its report to the Secretary of State early in January of 1953. Mr. McGeorge Bundy served as secretary of the Panel of Consultants.

In the course of the Panel's work the members received, chiefly from the Department of State, certain classified material with respect to disarmament matters and I have retained a considerable file of papers relating to the work of the Panel. I believe that for a time Dr. Oppenheimer also retained some papers since when the Panel was functioning I believe that he had the facilities for doing so. I do not know whether or not he has continued to retain any papers relating to the Panel's work.

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From the information given in your letter,

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I have not seen either of the gentlemen for many months and hence do not have any direct confirmatory information.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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